

## IN A HEALTHY STATE.

No Boom in Any Line of Business, but a Good Feeling Prevails.

## THE DEMAND FOR IRON PRODUCTS

Continues to Keep the Establishments Exceedingly Busy.

## INCREASE OF RAILROAD EARNINGS.

Stock Speculators Cautious That Matters Will be More Animated.

Reports to *Bradstreet's* and R. G. Dun & Co. indicate that general business is in a healthy condition all over the country. Iron in particular is in great demand, notwithstanding the fact that the production is now enormous.

## SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

NEW YORK, December 13.—Special telegrams to *Bradstreet's* report very generally a fair distribution of goods, but there are complaints of great scarcity of cars on the trunk lines with which to move corn. The mild weather has been widespread, checking the movement of winter clothing and other seasonal staples. Very heavy rains have checked trade on the Pacific coast, as did the Davis obsequies at New Orleans and elsewhere at the South. But on the whole the volume of business remains in excess of that of one year ago.

In the stock market the 3 per cent Western Union dividend strengthened that stock, but elsewhere the Vanderbilts alone appeared to be able to resist the general depression which has prevailed, notwithstanding the revival on Friday and Saturday last. The manipulation of money, which has ranged from 15 to 3 per cent, has been a factor in the attack, as were the unfavorable bank statement, the depressed coal shares and the mild weather. Money is easier, but is not likely to become very much so after the January settlements. Bonds are improving demand. Silver is in rather better request from India and it is thought that it will be from Brazil.

## A DECIDED INCREASE.

Railway gross earnings reported by 137 companies for November show a total of \$30,801,061, or 12 per cent more than for the like month in 1889. For 11 months of the current year the aggregate of gross earnings is \$308,730,534, or 9 per cent increase. The iron and steel industries are firmer and show more pronounced tendency to advance. Pig is now quoted \$19.40 for No. 1, and the outlook in that the price will go into the new year at \$20. Bessemer pig and wire rods are each higher and in demand.

Production of pig is about 170,000 tons each week, an increase of 20,000 tons weekly within six months, yet consumption is correspondingly heavy, preventing stocks from accumulating. Rolling mills are all working full time. At the East there is an extraordinary demand for lake ore for next season. Bar iron will soon be advanced to 2 cents per pound.

## EXPORTS OF WHEAT.

Total exports of wheat and flour as weekly July 1 to date amount to 47,325,100 bushels, as compared with 43,571,619 bushels in the like period of last year. Wheat is a like price, and in 70 per cent of bushels in 1889. The hog products and provisions markets still remain conspicuously the weakest on the list. Receipts of hogs remain very heavy (5 cents per bushel of previous week) and dressed and live hogs continue depressed, about 10 cents per 100 pounds. Lard options have declined fractionally. Pork is barely steady in price. Butter and cheese are in only moderate request, and eggs are lower on light demand.

Raw sugars are off 1/4¢ to 1/10¢ on the week after the renewed activity just preceding, at which discountered with freely with refined. The starting up of the new anti-trust refinery December 10 at Philadelphia and a lighter demand are features. There is no 74¢-dis in prices of refined, although the movement is lighter.

## DEYGOODS LINES.

The cotton goods situation shows more confidence on advances in bleached goods, brown sheetings and drills. Print cloths are in sharp contrast to the general market, with a decline of 1-16¢. Mild weather affects the jobbing distribution of heavy goods unfavorably. Wool is in fair demand at steady prices. Cotton is dull and without much change in the face of conflicting crop estimates.

## OVER THE COUNTRY.

Trade at Boston is on the whole very good. The boot and shoe trade is satisfactory. Philadelphia carpet mills are also full, but at prices which leave narrow margins, and wool manufacturers are working short time. The grocery trade there largely exceeds last year's, at firm prices. At Chicago the grain trade exceeds last year's, the trade in provisions has nearly, and in butter and cheese quite doubled, while there is some decline in hides and a heavy decrease in wool.

## Clothes at Port Cities.

All new arrivals of ladies' and children's fashions are in good demand. The trade in woolen goods and in heavy boots and shoes is also retarded, and the anthracite coal trade even more seriously. In the furniture trade, however, some compensation in the fact that the open weather has enabled building operations to be carried on longer than usual. The holiday trade has also commenced early and is of unusual magnitude.

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